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APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US HEINER BECKER						
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the						
following items and other information:						
		1. [X]	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a f	filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.		
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	3. [X] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT At 4. [] A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from priority date. 5. [] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. [X] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).				y time rather than delay PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).	
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	<u>I</u>	6.[]	A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).			
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			c. [] have not been made; however, the time lind. [] have not been made and will not be made	mit for making such amendments has e.	s NOT expired.	
		8. []	A translation of the amendments to the claims under	er PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).	
		9. []	Original or facsimile of an oath or declaration of the	e inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).		
		10.[]	A translation of the annexes to the International Pre 371(c)(5)).	eliminary Examination Report under	PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C.	

Items 11. to 16. concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 12. []
- 13. [] A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 - A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14. [] A substitute specification.
- 15. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 16. [] Other items or information:

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